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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of:       | ) |                        |
|                             | : | Examiner: M. Rahjmoo   |
| HIROCHIKA MATSUOKA, ET AL.  | ) |                        |
|                             | : | Group Art Unit: 2628   |
| Application No.: 10/057,950 | ) |                        |
|                             | : | Confirmation No.: 3587 |
| Filed: January 29, 2002     | ) |                        |
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| For: COLOR-INFORMATION      | ) | September 20, 2006     |
| PROCESSING METHOD, AND      | : |                        |
| PROGRAM                     | ) |                        |

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, and in response to the final Office Action dated February 17, 2006, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows: